

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Amendment received on July 29, 2008 has been entered into the record.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 1, 2-15, 18-30** are allowed.

As to **claim 1**, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious in a method for producing a matched coating composition the particular steps (v) and (vi), in combination with the rest of the limitations of **claims 1, 3-10**.

As to **claim 11**, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious in a color characterizing device the particular means for configuring computer readable program code devices to cause to said computer to balance said preliminary colorant combinations and to select an optimal viable combination, in combination with the rest of the limitations of **claims 11-19**.

As to **claim 20**, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious in a method for producing a matched resin the particular steps (v) and (vi), in combination with the rest of the limitations of **claims 20-26**.

As to **claim 27**, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious in a portable computer usable storage medium having computer readable code means the particular means for configuring computer readable program code devices to cause to said computer to balance said preliminary colorant combinations and to select an optimal viable combination, in combination with the rest of the limitations of **claims 27-30**

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